

USER MANUAL

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GALAXIS PYROTEC COMPOSER

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**Software to design pyromusicals for firing with
PFS Profi and PFC Advanced.**

**Attention please! In case of loss of the supplied dongle
(device for copy protection) there will be no replacement.**

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Introduction

The PYROTEC Composer is a valuable tool for creating pyromusicals.

The included database provides the possibility to copy effects into the script and to determine exactly when these effects are to be seen in the show. All delays are automatically calculated and considered by the program.

Visualisation functions display all sequences in real-time while the music is being played.

Once the script is finished it can be transferred to the PFS Profi or the PFC Advanced.

The PFE Profi Audio is used to play the music in order to achieve maximum synchrony. A wide variety of applications presents itself on boats, ships and fairground rides. The music is invariably played in crystal-clear CD quality.

When wide spaces have to be irradiated acoustically with several loud speakers, there are some unwanted echo effects due to the fact that sound travels with approx. 330 m/s only. Normally, this is avoided by use of bulky delay-lines. Galaxis has solved this problem simply and effectively by adding the possibility to set a time shift of the music to be played.

Note: Users who want to control other equipment with timecode have the opportunity to use one audio channel for the music (mono) and the other one for the timecode. One channel is used to feed the PA system and the other for control tasks of the user's choice. Of course, music and timecode can also be played back by the PFE Profi Audio.

It is also possible to feed the timecode directly into the PFC Advanced, so a PFE Profi Audio is dispensable.

The decisive advantage of this concept is the excellent reliability resulting from the fact that neither a PC nor a notebook is needed for firing the pyrotechnic effects or playing the music.

Definitions

Following are explanations of terms and proper names to advocate better understanding of the manual:

'Galaxis Composer' is a software for creating pyromusicals on a PC.

'Dongle' is a hardware device to protect software from being copied. It can be compared to a key. The dongle must be connected to the PC to run this program. The software may be installed on any number of PCs. In case of loss of the dongle there will be no replacement free of charge.

'Wave file' is an audio file (*.wav). It contains uncompressed audio information. There are different kinds of Wave files, differing in quality (mono/stereo, sampling rate, bits per sample). Please make sure that Wave files used with Galaxis products comply with the following parameters: stereo (2 channels), sampling rate 44.100 Hz (44,1 kHz), 16 bits per sample and channel. These parameters indicate CD quality. All Wave files with others than the above mentioned parameters can not be processed or will cause malfunction.

'gpf file' (*.gpf) is a file created by the Project Maker. It contains only sound data. The extension stands for 'Galaxis Project File'.

The PFE Profi Audio can only play gpf files.. In order to work with this device, a gpf file has to be generated from a WAV file with the Project Maker first.

'gs2 file' (*.gs2) is the new extension for scripts created with Version 2. It is possible to import old scripts (gsc files) into the new version.

'gd2 file' (*.gd2) is the new extension for database files created with the new Version 2. Database files with the extension *.gdb of Version 1.0 can be imported into Version 2.0

'zip file' (*.zip) is a compressed file, also known as 'archive'. The well-known software WinZip can be used as a tool to extract a zip file..

'Card' or 'Flash card' – whenever one of these terms is used in this manual, CompactFlash cards type 1 are meant exclusively. These cards are widespread in the field of digital photography and offer the best price per MB in comparison to other flash storage media. One minute of music needs approx. 10 MB of memory space as a guideline.

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Minimum system requirements

Please make sure that the following minimum system requirements are met:

- Windows 98/2000/ME/XP/NT/Vista
- Processor with a minimum clock frequency of 3,000 MHz = 3 GHz
- 2048 MB = 2 GB RAM minimum
- A minimum of 500 MB free disc space. For saving Wave files you need approx. 10 MB per minute of music, so please allow for some free GB of disc space for your Wave files if you plan extensive projects.
- High capacity VGA graphics adapter, at least GeForce 7 series or comparable
- CD-ROM drive
- Stereo sound card with loudspeakers or headphones
- Mouse or equivalent

Installation

Please proceed as follows:

- Close all other applications.
- Make sure that the supplied dongle is **NOT YET INSERTED**
- Insert the enclosed CD-ROM into your drive. The installation program starts automatically. If you have deactivated the auto start function, you can start the setup file (setup.exe) in the root directory of the CD-ROM.

Required setting when installing the program under Windows Vista:

If you install our program under Windows Vista, please assure that the file setup.exe is executed in **Windows XP compatibility mode and as administrator**. For that purpose, please proceed as follows: right mouse click on setup.exe > properties. Select 'compatibility' in the following window. Check the check box 'Run Program in Compatibility Mode' and select 'Windows XP (Service Pack 2)' as operating system. The installation will start with the next right mouse click on setup.exe and a left mouse click on 'Run as administrator'.

Then the following window appears:



Click 'Install' to continue.

Now the driver for the provided dongle is installed. Please select the kind of dongle you ordered and click 'Next'.



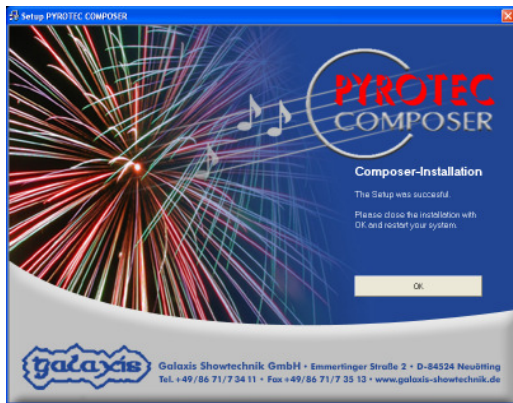
The installation program indicates the drive and directory where the software will be installed. You are then requested to quit all other applications.

When this is done, please click 'Next'.



Now the installation program updates your system.

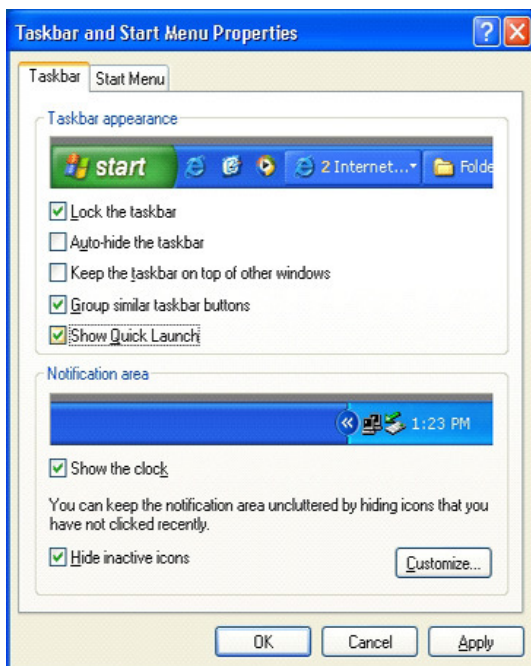




When the installation is completed successfully click 'OK'.

If you use an USB dongle, you may insert it now while your system is operating.

If you use a resolution of 1.024 x 768 pixel (XGA), the Windows task bar will hide the lower part of the Composer window. Therefore please adjust your system so that the task bar is hidden automatically. In the 'Start' menu, select 'Settings', then 'Task bar and Start menu'. Now select 'Auto Hide', then click 'Apply' and confirm with 'OK'.



The installation program creates the entry 'Galaxis Pyrotec' in your start menu under 'Programs'.

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Start the Composer

To start the program, click 'PYROTEC COMPOSER V2' in your 'Start' menu.

The start window appears, displaying the software version.
Now select your language and click 'OK'.

Illustration of the Composer's graphical user interface

The screenshot displays the GALAXIS PYROTEC COMPOSER V2 software interface. The title bar indicates the version is 'Muhldorf 22.08.08'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Top Menu Bar:** Includes File, Music, Zoom, Database, Script, Extras, PPM Advanced, Window, and Info. Callout 1 points to the 'Info' menu.
- Database Section:** A table with columns for Type, Item, Description, Size, Stock, Used Effects, Rising Time, Effect 1, C1, C2, and C3. Callout 2 points to the 'Database' menu, and callout 3 points to the 'Database' tab.
- Script Section:** A table with columns for Cue, dt [s], Step Cue, Step Delay [s], Fire Time, Effect Time, Rising Time, Duration 1, Item, Description, Size, Effect 1, Color 1, C1, Position, and Angle. Callout 4 points to the 'Script' menu, and callout 5 points to the 'Script' tab.
- Visualizer Section:** A horizontal bar with a color-coded timeline. Callout 6 points to the 'Visualizer' menu, and callout 7 points to the 'Visualizer' tab.
- Waveform Section:** A green waveform plot. Callout 8 points to the 'Waveform' menu, and callout 9 points to the 'Waveform' tab.
- Bottom Control Bar:** Includes a time display (02:50:88), SMPTE time (02:50:88), and a status field. Callout 10 points to the 'Time' menu, and callout 11 points to the 'SMPTE' menu.
- Callouts 12-27:** Point to various buttons and controls, including a 'Status' field (27) and a 'Time' field (26).

Explanation of the Composer's graphical user interface

1 **Menu Bar**

2 **Toolbar**

Allows quick loading / saving of the database and database / script search. Drag the cursor over an icon to see the tooltip.

3 **Effect Database Table**

All available effects can be entered and saved here with their detailed description. Entries like rising time, description, duration, colors, as well as the number of parts on stock, or videos are possible. By clicking 'Database' once, you maximize the window while minimising the script window. The number of entered effects is displayed in brackets.

4 **Index Tab Database Table**

Offers the possibility to save five different profiles for display settings by selecting 'File > Customize database table'.

5 **Index Tab Script Table**

The script is the firing script. Open the menu 'File' and select 'Open Script' on the menu bar to open an existing script. In case you want to open a script created with Version 1, please select 'File > Open Script V1.0...'. In brackets, the number of employed effects is shown. By clicking 'Script' once, you maximize the window while minimising the database window. The graphic field is also maximized. The number of entered effects is displayed in brackets

6 **Index Tab Script Table**

By selecting 'File > Adjust Script-Table' six different profiles for display settings can be saved.

7 **Column for marking lines in the Script Table**

Marks the line in the script table that can currently be edited. By clicking into a field of this column, the corresponding line in the script is marked. All editing functions apply only to this exact line. The marked effect is displayed as a yellow underline in the graphic field (8). If several identical effects have been selected, only the first one is marked in the graphic field. Vice versa, you can also select an effect in the graphic field.

8 **Graphic field 'Effect Times'**

The purpose of this field is the visualisation of the timing parameters of all effects employed in a script. The firing time, effect delay, effect time, effect duration, effect color(s) and the ending of an effect are graphically displayed.

Effects can be marked then be moved by pressing the left mouse button and the 'Shift' key simultaneously.

9 **Graphic field 'Wave Form of the Selected Section'**

This field displays the acoustic information of the music graphically. It always shows the information of the currently selected section of a Wave file. This could be the entire Wave file or only a fraction of it (see: zoom functions).

10 **Pointer**

The pointer indicates the current position in the Wave file for easy orientation while a piece of music is being played. A left mouse click either in field (8) or (9) moves the pointer to any position. The same result is achieved with a right mouse click, however then the Composer starts playing the music again from this position.

11 **Graphic field 'Total Waveform'**

This field is used to overlook the entire Wave file. The cyan rectangle in this field indicates which section is currently displayed in field (9).

12 **Control buttons 'Scroll Left' and 'Scroll Right'**

These buttons only work when the zoom function in the Wave file is activated. By clicking these buttons, the display section moves left, or right respectively.

13 **Control buttons 'Zoom Out Full' and 'Zoom In Full'**

Click 'Zoom In Full' for maximum zoom. When clicking 'Zoom Out Full' the entire Wave file is displayed in field (9), with no zoom function activated. These functions are also to be found in the menu 'Zoom'.

14 **Control buttons 'Zoom In' and 'Zoom Out'**

By clicking these buttons, the scale-up factor can be in- or decreased. These functions are also to be found in the menu 'Zoom'.

15 **Control buttons 'Amp +' and 'Amp -'**

Depending on the volume of the selected passages of music to be edited, the acoustic information is displayed in lower or higher curves. With these buttons, the display of the music's amplitude can be perfectly adapted to the graphic field, the amplification factor can be adjusted.

- 16 Control button 'Matching End'**
With this function, an effect can be integrated in the script in a way that its end matches exactly the position of the pointer.
- 17 Control button 'Normal Mode'**
Enables you to return from 'Replace Effect' or 'Music Scan' mode back to normal mode
- 18 Control button 'Replace Effect'**
With this button you change from normal mode or 'Music Scan' into 'Replace Effect' mode. Further information on this item is available under paragraph 'Replacing effects' in this manual. This function can be switched on or off under the menu item 'Script' on the menu bar. This function has to be activated again for each individual effect you wish to replace.
- 19 Control button 'Music Scan'**
With this button you change from normal mode or 'Replace Effect' into 'Music Scan' mode. Further information on this item is available under paragraph 'Music Scan' in this manual. This function can also be operated via the menu bar under 'Extras'.
- 20 Control elements for music 'Play', 'Pause', 'Stop'**
With these buttons, Wave files can be played from pointer position, be paused or stopped. After a stop the pointer returns to the beginning of the Wave file.
- 21 Volume control**
With this slider the computer's play-back volume can be controlled. This parameter has no effect on the volume the music file is going to be played at later during the show. If you hear nothing or the volume is too low, please make sure that the volume sliders in the menu 'Sounds and Audio Devices Properties' of your operating system are set sufficiently high. This menu can be found under 'START > Control Panel > Sounds and Audio Devices > Volume'.
- 22 Balance control**
This slider changes the volume ratio between left and right channel. This is helpful if one of the channels is used as timecode source, so it can be set to mute.
- 23 Display field 'Time'**
Always shows the exact position of the pointer.
- 24 Display field 'SMPTE'**
Displays the position of the pointer in timecode.
- 25 Display field 'dt'**
The abbreviation dt stands for 'delta time' meaning time differential. If your mouse pointer is positioned in field (8) or (9) and you keep the left mouse button pressed, moving the mouse to the left or right, a vertical yellow line appears at the position you started pressing the left mouse button. A red pointer moves with the mouse pointer. The 'dt' field shows the time interval between the yellow and the red lines, until the mouse button is released. So this function offers a convenient time scale.
- 26 Display field 'Total €'**
Shows the total amount of sales prices of all effects included in a script, net as well as gross (subject to correct entries in the database).
- 27 Display fields 'Progress Bar' and 'Message'**
If current procedures or calculations require some computation time, a progress bar appears in this field. Below it, a short description of the current procedures or calculations is displayed.

Effect database

The effect database constitutes the basis for creating a script. Besides the regular item master data, it contains further important details, for example effect duration, effect delay and many more.

By selecting 'File' on the menu bar, databases (*.gd2) can be opened, imported, saved and saved under a new name.

By selecting 'File > Create Database' on your menu bar, you create a new database.

You can see in the top window 'Database', that three records are already entered.

The first entry named 'Music Scan' should be left unchanged, because this effect serves as a placeholder for effects that will be inserted later.

The other two entries serve as examples and can be replaced with your own effects.

For importing a database created with the Composer Version 1, please select 'File > Import Database V1.0' on your menu bar. We recommend to save the imported database with the file extension gd2.

Vice versa it is also possible to export a Composer database to Excel (File > Export Excel Database).

As the database gets a bit unwieldy displaying every single effect in details, we provide the possibility to create different profiles with individual display settings. Click 'File > Customize Script Table' on your menu bar. In the following window, select a profile, choose a name for it and confirm with a click on the disc symbol. Now the effect characteristics to be included in this profile can be moved from the left to the right window. Confirm by clicking 'OK'. Up to six different layouts can be created for your database without having to reconfigure it.

Edit and add new effects

After having opened a database, effects can be edited or new effects added.

You have to change the window to the database view. (Window -> Database) or (F9)

Then, the editing window for database effects should appear.

Effect		Miscellaneous		Photo / Video	
ID	10002			Rising Time	2.4 Sec
Type	KB	NO PIC		Effect 1	Peony
Item	Peony Color Changing			Color 1	blue
Description	Blue to Red to Green			Duration 1	1.2 Sec
Size	125 mm			Effect 2	Peony
Stock	12 Piece	Used Effects	20 Piece	Color 2	red
		Min.	20 Piece	Duration 2	1.4 Sec
		Best.		Effect 3	Peony
				Color 3	green
				Duration 3	1.1 Sec
				Shots	
				Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Indoor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outdoor
				Rising Height	120 m
				Diameter	90 m

Effect		Miscellaneous		Photo / Video	
Class	IV	Safety Distance		Supplier	Galaxis
BAM Number		S.D. horizontal	100 m	Producer	Galaxis
ADR Class	1.3G	S.D. vertical		Item No.	GS125-12345
UN Number	UN 0027	ShowSim Effect ID		Stock Place	A-11
Chipher		Rating	Super	Price	2.65 €
Weight Net	0.825 kg	Information		Calc. Factor	1.30 (e.g. 1.3)
Weight Gross	1.100 kg				

You can now enter various parameters. The most important characteristics for creating a pyromusical are item, size, effect delay or rather rising time, effect duration and color.

In order to be able to remove used effects from stock, the number of pieces on stock should be entered. It is also useful to enter the price per effect into the database to allow for an overview of the total costs all effects of your pyromusical are going to amount to.

When adding a new effect, first a free ID has to be selected in the bottom window. This can be sped up by clicking once on the right lower button. Select 'Database > New Data Record' on the menu bar, then you can enter the characteristics of an effect.

Under 'Database', effects can also be copied, pasted or deleted.

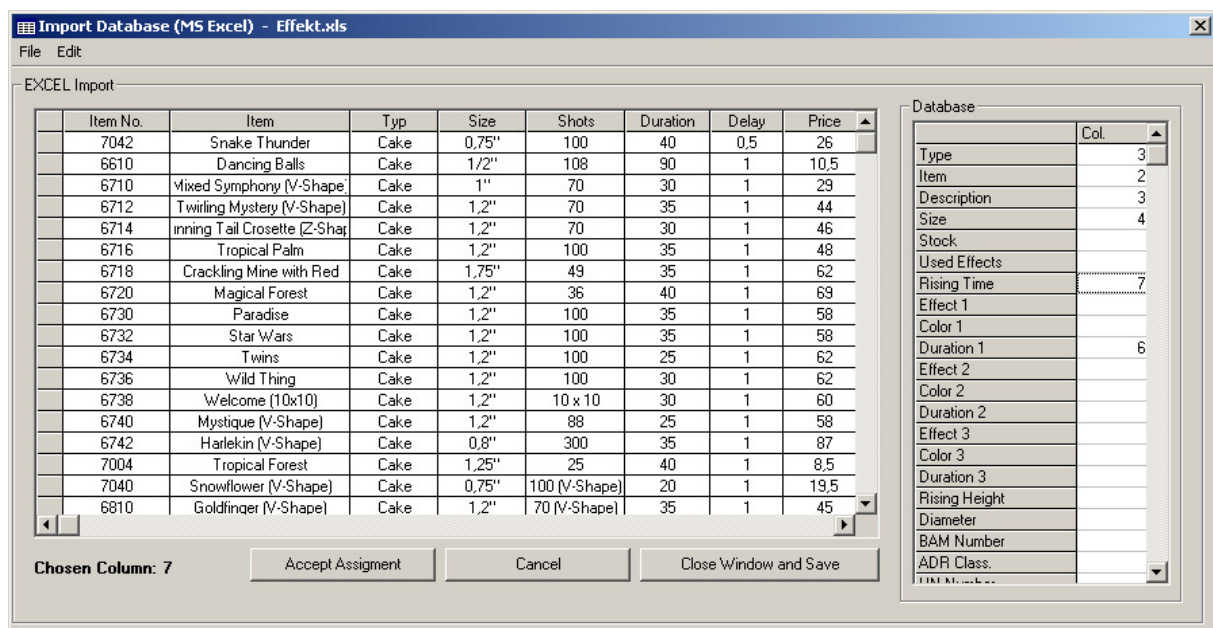
The search function under 'Database > Search' (optional F1 or green 'spyglass' icon) makes it quite easy to find a particular effect even in a very extensive database.

Import a Excel database

In case you want to import an existing Excel database, please select 'Import Excel Database' in the menu 'File'. A dialogue window appears. Then the Excel file can be opened by clicking 'File > Open Excel Table...'.

Note: To avoid malfunction when opening the Excel file, please make sure it does not contain superfluous information. We recommend to first create a new spreadsheet in Excel and copy only the required cells (without formulas and references) into it, before importing it into the Composer.

The respective window could look as follows:



With this window, your existing database can be adjusted to the new Galaxis database. The columns of your old file have to be assigned to the new one.

The left window shows the contents of the open Excel file.

Procedure:

- Mark a column in the existing file with a mouse click in the column's header cell.
- The display field 'Marked Column' now shows the number of this column.
- Decide which column of the new Galaxis database you are going to assign it to and left-click into the empty field 'Column'.

- Then the indicated column number is entered into this field.
- In order to delete the assignment of a column, click into the corresponding field with the right mouse button.

If you want to delete all assignments, select 'Delete Assignment' in the menu 'Edit'.

When your assignments are completed, click on the button 'Accept Assignment' at the bottom left.

In addition, the database offers the possibility to export the stock list. Select 'Export Stock List' in the menu 'File'. In the dialogue window that appears then, you can enter the file name and memory location.

Finally, also the entire database with all fields can be exported by selecting 'Export Database' in the menu 'File'. Empty records are disregarded.

Open the effect database

Effect database files are saved with the file extension *.gd2.
The extension 'gd2' means 'Galaxis Database Version 2.0'.

Effects are always transferred from the database to the script. With each entry in the script, all data are automatically transferred and included. Each effect that has been entered in the database can be included in the script, it just remains to be determined when this effect is going to be applied during the show.

Open your effect database by selecting 'Open Database...' in the menu 'File'.

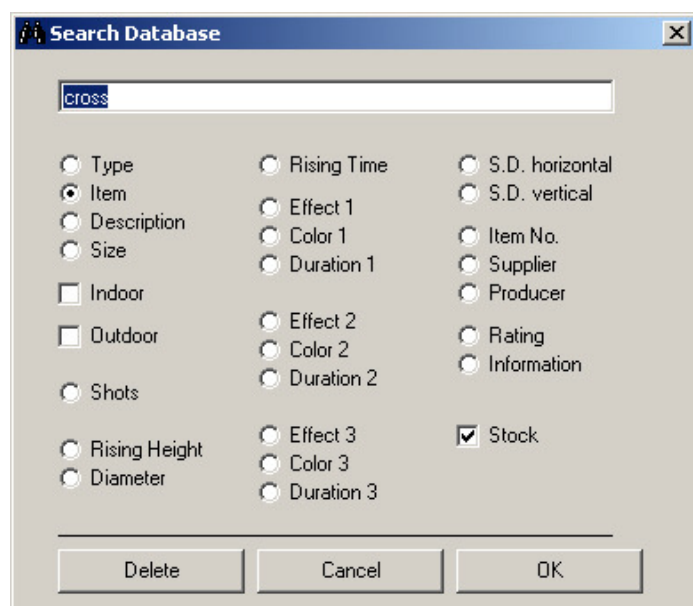
Save the effect database

If you have altered the stock list in your effect database (added, changed, deleted or taken effects out of stock), the database has to be saved in order to validate the changes.

Save your effect database by selecting 'Save Database' in the menu 'File', or by clicking on the green 'Save' icon.

Database search function

A search can be started as soon as a database has been opened. Select 'Database > Search' on the menu bar. Alternatively press 'F1' or the green 'spyglass' icon. The following window appears:



Here you choose the column in which a given criterion or value is to be searched. Additionally you can indicate if you are looking for an indoor or an outdoor effect.

If 'Stock' is checked, all effects where number on stock = 0 are excluded from the search. It is not necessary to write the complete name of the effect. In the above illustration you can see for example, that all effects that have 'cross' in their name will be listed, e.g. 'Crossette Shells' and 'Crisscross Shells', if their number on stock exceeds 0.

Note: To see all entries of the effect database in the table, all search criteria have to be cleared by clicking on the crossed out green 'spyglass' icon.

Refresh the Database

It is not possible for the composer to update the value 'Used Effects' in the database all the time. This function would need too much system resources when you are inserting new effects. To calculate the current costs and the value of the 'Used Effects' use the function 'Refresh Database'.

Remove effects from the stock

You activate the 'Remove from stock' function by selecting 'Database > Remove Effects from Stock' on your menu bar.

After having finished a project, the effects you used for it can conveniently be deducted from your stock list in the database.

Note: An error message is displayed, if an item in the script could not be found in the database. This happens easily when item names have been changed manually in the script. Where applicable, the stock list for these items has to be adjusted individually.

Open a Wave file

When designing a music synchronized pyrotechnical display, the first step is the selection of the music.

On a normal CD, the music is stored digitally. The commonly used file format is called RAW and almost every CD drive of any PC is able to read it.

It is common practice to use the Wave file format to process music on a PC. A software that converts and copies the RAW tracks from the audio CD to the PC's hard disk is supplied with most CD writers.

In case you do not have such a software, you can use the freeware program 'Cdex' we provide with our product. The program has been copied to the 'Tools' folder in the installation folder as a compressed zip-archive during installation.

'C:\Program\PYROTEC COMPOSER\Tools\'

Extract this file with WinZip and follow the instructions of the program 'Cdex'. In this context we would like to point out that we do not assume liability for supplied software products of other manufacturers or originators.

After having saved the Wave file of your choice on the hard disc of your computer, you may edit this piece of music with appropriate programs and for instance cut the track or fade it with other tracks. Various programs are offered in the internet for this purpose.

GoldWave is a recommendable program for editing music on a PC. This software is shareware and can be found in the 'Tools' folder as well.

'C:\Program\PYROTEC COMPOSER\Tools\'

Please take the opportunity to test it and consider buying it in accordance with the manufacturer's terms if you decide to use this product. In this context we would like to point out that we do not assume liability for supplied software products of other manufacturers or originators.

The only file format which can be used as a source of music for the Composer is Wave format (file name.wav).

The Wave files have to feature the following parameters if used with the PYROTEC Composer:

Sampling rate:	44.1 kHz
Channels:	2 (Stereo)
Word length / Sample:	16 Bit

These are the exact features that describe CD quality. The above mentioned programs save Wave files on the hard disc with these parameters most likely.

These parameters strongly influence the sound quality and the required memory space. As memory space is no issue nowadays, we have not provided the option to use files with inferior quality.

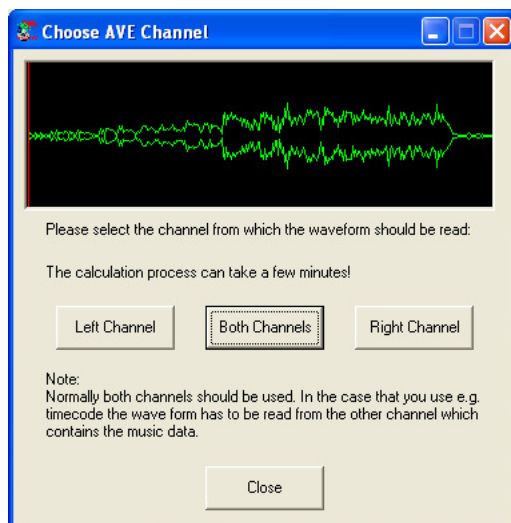
In case you wish to work with Wave files which do not comply with the above mentioned standard (for example 8 bits or mono or different sampling rates), they have to be converted with a suitable program before usage.

The same applies for MP3 files which can be converted to Wave files by use of 'Cdex' or 'GoldWave'.

Attention: The Wave files you use here are going to be played back by the PFE Profi Audio later. We recommend to take care from the beginning that the sound quality complies with the requirements of the show.

Open a Wave file by selecting 'Open Wave file...' under 'File' on your menu bar. The dialogue window offers the choice of drive, folder and file name.

If you are opening a Wave file with the Composer for the first time, the following window appears:



The Composer displays the audio information of the Wave file graphically and thus permits a convenient and precise cue alignment to the music.

In order to avoid the program having to work constantly with the relatively extensive amount of data of a Wave file, we have included a data reduction.

The result of this data reduction is the waveform file.

Note: In this process, the program creates a new file. Therefore it is necessary that the source file (Wave file) is available on a drive which can be written on. Consequently, CD ROM drives and write protected drives cannot be used.

Before creating the wave form, please determine which channel is to be used for computation: Both channels, only the left one or only the right one. Usually, both channels are used. Only if you want to use one channel for the music and the other one for timecode, you should exclude the latter one.

The calculation of the wave form is quite complex. Each minute of music requires approx. one minute of computation time (assuming a system with a clock frequency of 3 GHz)

During calculation, the message 'Creating Waveform', as well as a rotating hourglass appear.

As soon as the waveform file has been created, the acoustic information of the source file is displayed on the Composer's graphical user interface.

In case you alter the Wave file after having created the wave form file, the function 'Create new Waveform' in the 'File' menu can be used to adapt it, so the graphic information on your screen corresponds with the contents of the Wave file again.

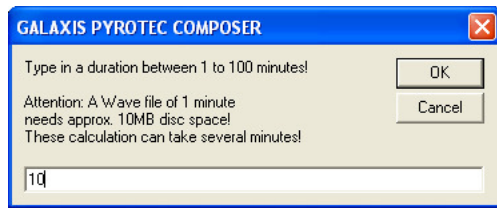
Create a Wave file

This function is used to design a fireworks display without music with the Composer.

Here a Wave file can be created that contains clock pulses once a second for better orientation on the time scale. Loading this file as a substitute for the music, the graphic field (9) shows the second's scale.

After having selected 'Create Wave File...' from the menu 'File' a window appears asking you to determine a file name or to select an existing file for overwriting.

Afterwards the following window is displayed:



Please enter the desired duration of the Wave file to be created, ranging from 1 to 100 minutes. After having confirmed your entry with 'OK', the program begins with the computation. Subsequently, the file can be opened by clicking 'Open Wave File...' in the menu 'File', and an *.ave file can be created.

Create a Wave Timecode file

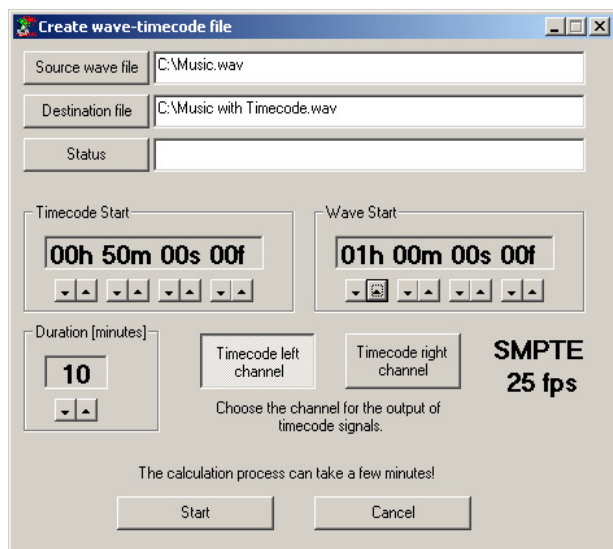
In order to be able to control other show parts like light shows, dancing water fountains or Laser systems, it may be necessary to transmit a timecode signal. It is distributed by an audio cable like music and can be played back by any audio device, also by the PFE Profi Audio.

If timecode is put on one audio channel, for example the right one, while the left channel is used for the music, an ingenious advantage is achieved: Music information and sync information (timecode) are played simultaneously. There isn't the slightest danger of mismatch, regardless of the duration of the show.

This function provides the opportunity to create a Wave file which contains music on one stereo channel and timecode on the other one.

There are various types of timecodes. The one most commonly used is SMPTE 25fps. Timecode was invented for the TV and video sector characterized by the 'fps' parameter. 'fps' stands for 'frames per second'. Solely this type is intended for use with the Composer.

By selecting 'Create Wave-Timecode file...' in the menu 'File', the following window appears:



'Wave Source' is for selecting the file which contains the audio information. 'Destination file' is used to enter the file name of the Wave file to be created which is going to contain the audio as well as the timecode information.

With 'Timecode Start', the starting point of the timecode counter is determined.

It is standard practice to agree upon a show start with the other show operators. It is also common to start with some minutes blank offset so that everyone can check if the synchronization works accurately. So you can stop the show right at the beginning without anyone noticing that there was a problem. Then you can retry after fault finding.

If you agreed for example on 00h 00m 00s 00f as a show start, than the actual beginning of the transfer with a certain offset could be 23h 55m 00s 00f. This would lead to an overflow condition the moment the show started. As some devices with timecode inputs are not able to process this overflow correctly and may break down, it is advisable to set a show start where an overflow cannot occur. The show start could be set at 01h 00m 00s 00f with an offset at 00h 55m 00s 00f.

It is also possible that you intentionally use another offset value at the PFC Advanced than the operators of the other show parts do e.g. if the pyro part is at the end of a longer concert.

Small changes to the offset value can be used deliberately to fire the effects slightly earlier or later. In principle this leads to a slight offset of the whole firing sequence.

'Wave Start' determines when the Wave file begins. If the entered value is higher than 0, the program inserts a pause. Here, the same amount of time that you intended as offset should be entered.

'Duration' specifies the total duration of the Wave file to be created, the minimum value being the duration of the source file plus the selected offset. If your show is intended to last for example 15 minutes, with an offset of 5 minutes, then the total duration should at least be 20 minutes, otherwise the end is going to be cut off.

With the control buttons 'Timecode left Channel' and 'Timecode right Channel', the channel that will be used for storing the timecode is selected.

By clicking 'Start' the computer starts creating the file. The 'Status' field informs you about the task's progress.

When using a Wave file which contains both timecode and music, only the channel with the music information is to be drawn on when creating the *.ave file. Please see section 'Open a Wave file...' in this manual.

When a Wave file which contains music and timecode is played back, both are audible. In order to suppress the sound of the timecode, the balance slider has to be adjusted so that only the music channel can be heard. Your operation system features a control window titled 'Playback Control', to be found under 'START > Control Panel > Sounds and Audio Devices > Volume'. If the audio outputs of your PC are connected to a sound system, the balance can also be adjusted at the amplifier.

Display a Wave file

The contents of the entire Wave file is always displayed in graphic field (11). Depending on the activation of the zoom function, the contents in part or in total is shown in graphic field (9).

A cyan rectangle in graphic field (11) indicates which section is being displayed in field (9). Field (11) is intended to provide an overview. Field (9) is used for detailed script editing.

Zoom functions and zoom area

With the control buttons 'Zoom In' and 'Zoom Out' the magnification factor of graphic field (14) can be adjusted.

With 'Zoom In Full' (13) maximum zoom of the graphic display is set directly.
With 'Zoom Out Full' (13) the zoom function is set inactive.

With 'Scroll Left' and 'Scroll Right' the displayed section in graphic field (9) can be scrolled to the left or to the right if the zoom function is active.

Adjust the amplitude

With the control buttons 'Amp +' and 'Amp -' (15), the display of the music's amplitude can be adapted to the graphic field by increasing or decreasing the amplification factor, depending on the volume of the music to be edited.

Play-back functions

With 'Play', 'Pause' and 'Stop' (20) the play-back of music is controlled.

The pointer (10) adjusts itself accordingly.

If there are any effects included in the script, the line marking in the script table (5) is updated, too.

Play the music with the PFE Profi Audio

In order to play the music with the PFE Profi Audio it is necessary to convert the Wave file to a project file. This is done with the program 'Project Maker', which is available free of charge in the download section of our website. 'Project Maker' saves the project file on a flash card. A detailed description how to proceed is to be found in the manual of the PFE Profi Audio.

Create a script file (firing script)

Script files are saved in *.gs2 format.
The extension 'gs2' stands for 'Galaxis Script Version 2.0'.

Effects can only be inserted in a script, if a database has been opened.

Double-click with the left mouse button in the line with the required effect in the database table in order to insert it into the script.

The effect is inserted at exactly the point in time the pointer (10) is situated at. This can also be done while the Wave file is being played, however it may take a certain computation time. As soon as the pointer moves again, the next effect can be inserted. To set effect cues in real-time more comfortably, we recommend applying the function 'Music Scan', which is explained in details later on.

After having inserted an effect into the script, a visualization of its delay, duration and color(s) is displayed in graphic field (8). The delay, for example in case of an outdoor firework, is the time the shell requires for its rise to the sky. Every effect is represented by a bi-colored line. A grey line means that the effect has already been fired, but is not yet visible. The colored part of the line indicates the effect duration, meaning the time the effect is actually visible, as well as the color.

What is inserted at the position of the pointer is the exact moment the effect bursts. The effect delay is included in the calculation of the ignition point.

Note: For the consideration of the effect specific delay and duration it is mandatory to enter the data of all effects to be employed into the database.

If several effects have been inserted into the script, so that their lines would overlap, the lines in field (8) are displayed stepped one upon the other.

In case the complete visualization exceeds the height of field (8), the scroll bar at the right side of the display area can be used or you can choose the other views.
Please use in the menu 'Window' the different views.

Effects can be relocated directly in the graphic field (8) by keeping the 'Shift' key pressed and moving the displayed effect with the left mouse button held down.

Edit a script

Nearly every column of the table can be altered by a double click into any of its fields.

If you have chosen more than one row of a column you can edit this with a click on the right mouse button.

Changes become valid immediately after their entry.

If for example the duration of an effect is changed from 2 to 10 seconds, the line that indicates this effect is instantly displayed much longer.

An increase of an effect delay causes a corresponding earlier firing time for this effect. That's why the script is resorted each time a delay has been changed and the firing time had to be recalculated.

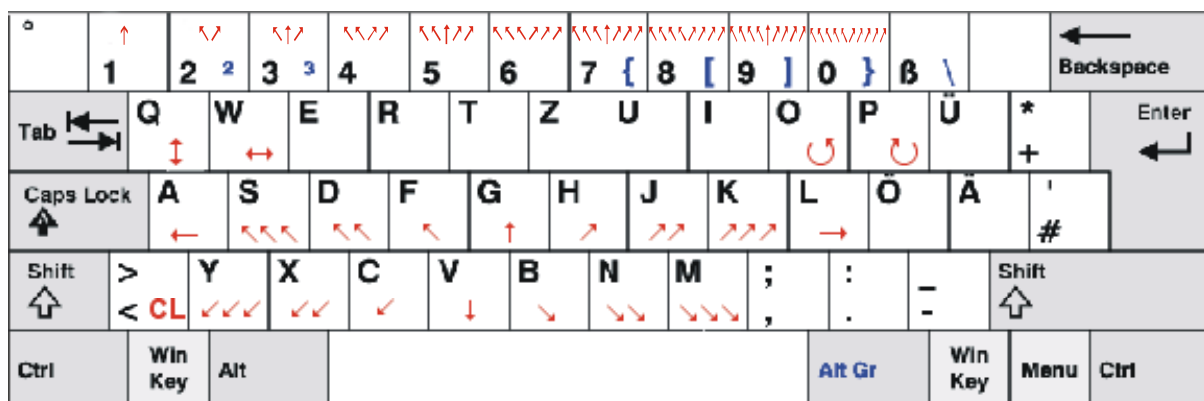
The following fields can not be changed:

- SC-ID
- Channel
- dt (s)
- Firing time
- Step Delay

Please keep in mind that changes to the script are not passed on to your stock list. Only those effects that have been transferred from the effect database to the script are deducted from your stock.

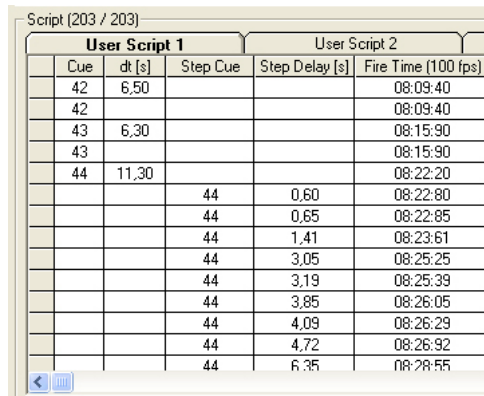
Double-click until the desired angle is reached or use the following short cuts on your keyboard after having marked the according field.

Also here you can choose more than one row of these columns with the left mouse button and you can open the 'Edit Script' window by pressing the right mouse button.



Program the stepper

In order to implement steps with intervals below 0.3 seconds, these must be entered in the script by use of the columns 'Step Channel' and 'Step Delay(s)' in the script window.



User Script 1			User Script 2	
Cue	dt [s]	Step Cue	Step Delay [s]	Fire Time (100 fps)
42	6,50			08:09:40
42				08:09:40
43	6,30			08:15:90
43				08:15:90
44	11,30			08:22:20
		44	0,60	08:22:80
		44	0,65	08:22:85
		44	1,41	08:23:61
		44	3,05	08:25:25
		44	3,19	08:25:39
		44	3,85	08:26:05
		44	4,09	08:26:29
		44	4,72	08:26:92
		44	6,35	08:28:55

The firing channel is to be entered in the column 'Step Channel'.

The Step time which has to be used for programming the receiver is automatically calculated in the column 'Step delay (s)'.

Also here you can choose more than one row of the column 'Step Cue' with the left mouse button and you can open the 'Edit Script' window by pressing the right mouse button.

Please note that the step channel of the previous firing channel has to be entered, otherwise the step delay will be very long.

Menu items of the menu 'Script'

On opening the menu 'Script', the following items appear:

Macro

This function is for creating a series of firings at a predetermined position. For example, a series of 5 Shells connected by a time fuse can be simulated. The Shells are displayed in the script as 5 successive effects.

Edit Effect Group

With this function you can move a group of several effects.

First choose the rows in your script that you want to move in a group.

Then select the function 'Edit Effect Group' in the menu.

The window 'Edit Effect Group' appears and you can choose if you want to move the whole group for some seconds or milliseconds or you can change the time between the firing of the effects like a stepping sequence.

After you have made your selection press the 'Start' button to continue.

Replace effects

First, the line that is to be furnished with another effect, has to be marked in the script or graphic window.

Then, select the function 'Replace Effect' in the menu. Now double-click with the left mouse button into the line in your database with the required effect.

Alternatively to this procedure in the 'Script' menu, you can also click on the control button 'Replace Effect' (18) on the graphic user interface

Duplicate effects

First mark the line in your script you want to duplicate. Then, select the function 'Duplicate Effect' in the menu 'Script' (alternatively use the combination Strg + D on your keyboard). The program pastes a copy below the marked line.

Multiply effects

First mark the line in your script that you want to multiply. Then select the function 'Multiply Effect' in the menu 'Script' and type in a multiplier between 1 and 100. Then the program pastes copies below the marked line.

Copy and paste effect(s)

First, mark the line(s) to be copied in the script or graphic window.

Then, select 'Copy Effect(s)' in the 'Script' menu, or use the shortcut Strg + F on your keyboard.

For pasting, select 'Paste Effect(s)' in the 'Script' menu, or use the shortcut Strg + G on your keyboard. When pasting effects, there is the possibility to either paste the copy at exactly the same position ('absolute time'), or to paste the copy at any new pointer position ('relative time against pointer').

This function is useful in case of repetitive music sections or if part of an already existing script are to be included in a new one. The copied effects are stored in an internal memory and are inserted also after a new Wave file or script has been opened.

Delete lines

First, mark the line(s) to be deleted in the script or in the graphic window. Select 'Delete Effect(s)' in the 'Script' menu to delete. Alternatively, you can use the shortcut Shift + Del.

Delete a script

In case the complete contents of a script table has to be deleted, select 'Delete Script' in the 'Script' menu. The program requests a confirmation in order to avoid the accidental deleting of data.

Device allocation depending on Position

In the menu bar under 'Script' you find the function 'Device Allocation depending on Position'. The following window appears:

Position	Outputs #	Device No.	Device Type	Device No.	Device Type
Position 1	35	1	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs		
Position 2	52	2	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs		
Position 3	37	3	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs		
Position 4	15	4	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs		
Position 5	15	5	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs		

Quantity	Device Type
	PFE Profi Audio
	PFE Profi Power - 1 Output
	PFE Profi - 3 Outputs
	PFE Profi - 10 Outputs
	PFE Profi - 50 Outputs
	PFE Advanced - 10 Outputs
	PFE Advanced - 50 Outputs
5	PFE Advanced - 100 Outputs

After having decided how many positions you are going to use for your firework display, these are entered in the column 'Position'.

By double-clicking the left mouse button, the appropriate of the above noted options for positions can be selected in the column 'Position' of the script window. Instead of selecting the position in the drop-down menu, the line number for the desired position can also be entered by the num-pad. The allocation of positions for very complex scripts can be simplified that way. The entered numbers can be deleted by pressing 'Del' or with the comma key on the num-pad.

It is indispensable to name a position for each effect that is going to be connected to an output. That is the only way to make sure that the exact number of outputs is going to be displayed correctly in the above window later on. If you plan, for example, to fire a series of effects by use of time fuse, it is advisable to allocate a position just to the first one of these effects. Only that way, one output is used for all connected effects.

After completion of the script, the device allocation can be finished in the above window. To do so, please select one or more receivers in the line showing the different positions, bearing in mind that a sufficient number of outputs has to be available.

It is also to be assured that each receiver is assigned to a specific device number, which has to be programmed at the corresponding Advanced receiver. Only PFE Advanced with 10, 50 or 100 outputs can be remotely programmed. The exact procedure of remote programming is to be found below in section 'PFM Advanced'.

All Profi receivers have to be programmed directly and manually. Confirm your entries with the OK button.

Auto device and output allocation

Now that all devices with their sufficient number of outputs have been allocated, the devices and their outputs have to be assigned to the firing channels. Select 'Auto Device and Output Allocation' and 'Start' > 'Devices and Outputs' in the 'Script' menu.

Position	Device #	Output #
Position 1	1	1
Position 2	2	1
Position 3	3	1
Position 1	1	2
Position 3	3	2
Position 1	1	3
Position 2	2	2
Position 3	3	3
Position 2	2	3

These are then displayed in the script window, in the columns 'Output#' and 'Device#'. The device number is taken over from the above table and the outputs are assigned in ascending order. Consequently, maximum utilization of the available outputs is achieved.

If you would like to delete the allocation please select 'Auto Device and Output Allocation' and 'Delete'.

Test delays

If the firing time of channel 1 indicated in the script is not 00.00.00, you are advised that channel 1 is always immediately fired when an automatic program is started. Therefore we recommend to set a music scan at 00.00.00 at each firework display, even if no effect is to be fired. The cue 1 is usually used to start the PFE Profi Audio receiver.

Also with this function, unacceptable delays between individual firings can be avoided. (column 'dt' in the script). Values below 0.3 seconds or exceeding 999.9 seconds cannot be processed. The program is going to issue an error message if that problem occurs. It can be avoided by a minor change of the effect time or by using the step function.

Furthermore, firings with a resolution of 1/100s are not accepted. Firings can only be executed when entered with a resolution of 1/10s, otherwise please use the stepper, which can be programmed in steps of 1/100s .

A data transfer with unacceptable delays cannot be executed.

Transfer a script to the PFS Profi

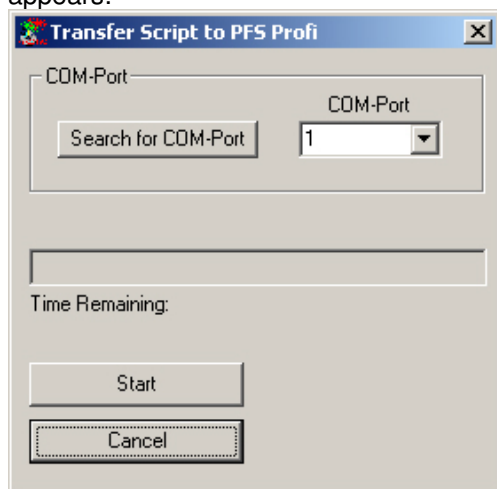
This function transfers the completed firing script to the automatic firing extension of the PFS Profi.

Please proceed as follows:

Connect the RS232-Port (COM-Port) of your PC with the PFS Profi by the provided serial interface cable. Make sure that it is properly plugged.

Then switch on the PFS Profi, keeping the 'Range Test' button pressed for a few seconds, until 'IF' (= Interface) shows up on the display and there are no more acoustic signals audible.

Finally, select 'Transfer to PFS Profi' in the 'Script' menu of the Composer. Then the following window appears:



Now, simply click on 'Search COM Port', then the program automatically identifies the COM-Port your transmitter is connected to. In case you know the number of the COM Port the transmitter has been connected to, you can select it also directly.

A click on 'Start' starts the transfer.
A progress bar appears.

When the transfer is completed, the PFS Profi has to be switched off, and then on again. If the 'Fire' button is pressed down for a few seconds, the automatic firing function may be activated in this process, too.

Note: In case the data transfer starts, but is interrupted after a few moments, the baud rate is set too high. Select 'Options > Composer > Interface Speed' on the 'Extras' menu bar. Adjust the slider to the middle and restart the data transfer. The baud rate can be increased slowly during the transmission in order to find the perfect settings for your system.

Edit a script for the PFC Advanced

The PFC Advanced provides the convenient function to display text for each individual channel. It can be edited with this script function. After its activation, a blank script table is displayed. Each firing channel is provided with 2 lines with 13 characters each.

There are following alternatives for entering text:

a) manually line by line

By clicking on a text field, a dialogue window opens with another text field 'Infotext line' showing in its lower area. The cursor is already set into this field, a text can be entered.

b) Automatic transfer by line

By clicking on a text field, a dialogue window opens. Beneath the display of the cue (i.e. firing channel), text fields from the existing script that refer to the selected cue are shown. By clicking into these fields, their text is taken over as infotext.

c) Automatic transfer by column

Select the required line 'Infotext Line 1' or 'Infotext Line 2' in the 'Cells' menu.

Then the data source in the existing script has to be determined. Column, position, item, color and calibre are available as a choice. Of course, automatically inserted texts can now be edited manually now. When you have selected one of the two info text lines in the menu 'Cells', all text entries can be deleted with 'Delete'.

If several different entries referring to one firing channel exist in a script, the text 'various' is shown in the info text field. An exact choice can then be made by editing manually or by transferring texts by line.

Transfer a script to the PFC Advanced

With this function, the contents of a script table, e.g. the firing script and the info texts can be transferred to the PFC Advanced.

After having selected 'Transfer to PFC Advanced' the designated port has to be determined, either RS232 or USB.

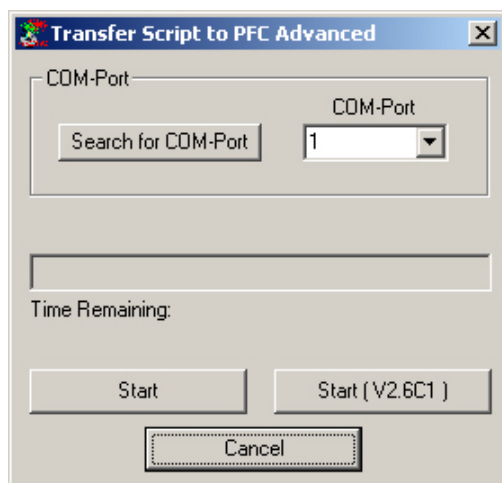
a) In case you selected RS232:

Switch on the PFC Advanced and select 'Automatic Firing Mode' in the main menu.

Then activate the menu item 'Download Script via V24/RS232'. This is followed by a safety check you have to confirm, if the transfer and the deletion of old data on the PFC Advanced that is involved in the process should be executed.

Afterwards the device asks for a connection to the PC by a serial port cable. Please make sure it is properly plugged.

The following window appears:



Now, simply click on 'Search for COM-Port', then the automatically identifies the COM-Port your transmitter is connected to. In case you know the number of the COM Port the transmitter has been connected to, you can select it now directly.

With a click on 'Start' the transfer is started.

The display of the PFC Advanced shows a progress bar for this task.

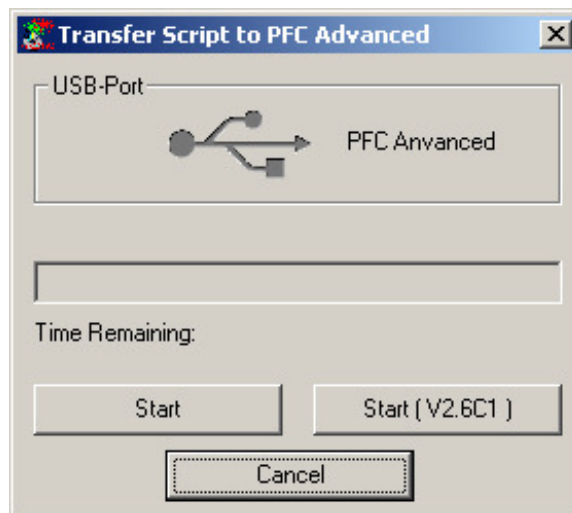
If no error message shows up at the end, all data has been transferred completely and correctly.

b) In case you selected USB:

Switch on the PFC Advanced and select 'Automatic Firing Mode' in the main menu. Then activate the menu item 'Download Script via USB'. This is followed by a safety check you have to confirm, if the transfer and the deletion of old data on the PFC Advanced that is involved in the process should be executed.

Afterwards the device asks for a connection to the PC by a USB cable. Please make sure it is properly plugged.

The following window appears:



With a click on 'Start' the transfer is started.

The display of the PFC Advanced shows a progress bar for this task.

If no error message shows up at the end, all data has been transferred completely and correctly.

Note (PFC Version 2.6BX):

In case the data transfer starts, but is interrupted after a few moments, the transmission rate is set too high. Select 'Options> Composer > Port Speed' on the 'Extras' menu bar. Adjust the slider to the middle and restart the data transfer. The transmission rate can be increased slowly during the transmission in order to find the perfect settings for your system.

Note (PFC Version 2.6CX):

From PFC Advanced version V2.6C1 a faster data transfer via the USB port applies. For this kind of transfer, speed settings are irrelevant.

Basically, we recommend the use of this new improved kind of transfer. If a communication error still occurs, please restart the Composer and the data transfer.

Save the script file

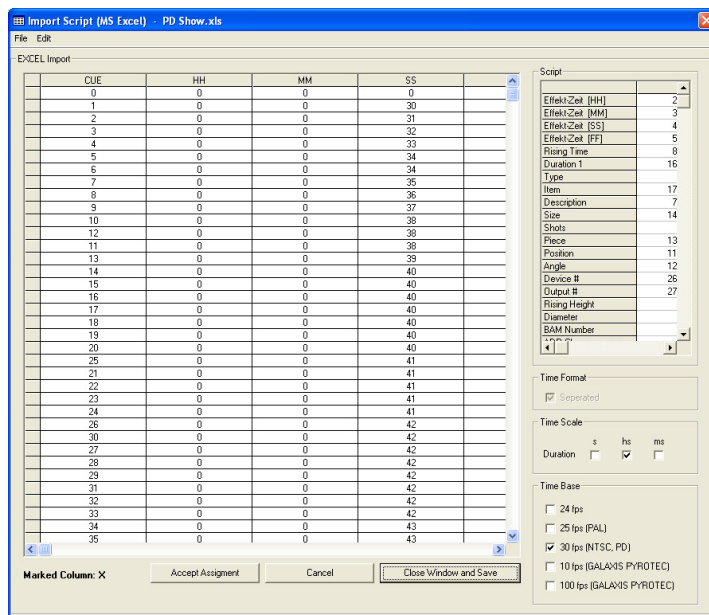
To save the script table, select 'Save Script' in the 'File' menu.

In case you want to save the file under a new name, for example as a back-up, please select 'Save Script As...' Then the program asks for entry of a new file name. A new memory location can also be chosen.

Open the script V1.0

Scripts that were composed with the Composer V1.X can be loaded in Version 2 to be altered and improved.

Import Script



With this window, your existing PD script can be adjusted to the Galaxis script. The columns of your Excel sheet have to be assigned to the Galaxis script.

Use the time base "30 fps" and "hs" for the duration for PD scripts.

The table on the left shows the content of the opened Excel file.

Procedure:

- Mark a column in the existing file with a mouse click in the column's header cell.
- The display field 'Marked Column' now shows the number of this column.
- Decide which column of the Galaxis script you are going to assign it to and left-click into the empty field 'Column'.
- Then the indicated column number is inserted in this field.
- In order to delete the assignment of a column, click into the corresponding field with the right mouse button.

If you want to delete all assignments, select 'Delete Assignment' in the menu 'Edit'.

When your assignments are completed, click on the button 'Accept Assignment' at the bottom left.

Export the script file

With this function, the script can be exported, meaning it can be saved in a different file format in order to be edited in a spreadsheet program.

For the data export, the format CSV is employed, as it can be imported by almost every spreadsheet program. 'CSV' stands for 'character separated value'. If the script file is exported to Excel, for example, select 'Text files' or 'All files' for opening it.

For exporting your script file, select 'Export Script' in the 'File' menu. A note on the choice of the correct list separator is issued then. For Europe, this is a semicolon ';', for Great Britain and the US a comma ','.

These settings are to be found on the menu bar under 'Extras > Options > Common > List Separator'.

Then a dialogue window opens showing the text 'Save File Under...'. Here the file name and path are to be determined and the CSV file can be saved with a click on the according control button.

Save as 'Project'

If the database, a script and the wave form have been opened, the three files can be saved together as a project under 'File > Save Project'.

Attention: Only the paths of the respective files are saved here. In case one of those files is saved under a new name or moved to a new memory location, the saved project is outdated or incomplete.

'Show Listing' function

The function 'Show Listing' in the 'File' menu provides the display of a print view or a parts list of the current script in a new window.

Different profiles for display settings can be defined here. To do so, select 'Adjust Show Listing' in the 'File' menu of the new table window.

Parts list

We recommend to establish a profile for the parts list under 'Adjust Show Listing'. The first column in this profile has to be 'Parts List'. Consequently, all identical effects of the script are added up and displayed in that column.

The menu item 'Distinguish by...' is to be found under 'Parts List'. The criteria for the summation can be determined here. If the underlying database is well kept, differentiation of the effects by database characteristics ('DB-ID') is sufficient.

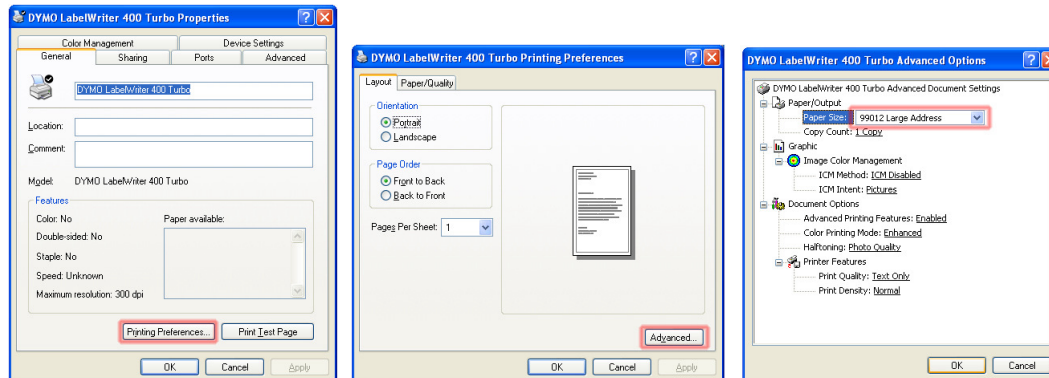
Note: Please bear in mind that different kinds of spelling, for example with 'Peonies' and 'Peony', which may easily occur when editing the script or entering names manually, can lead to differing positions in the parts list.

Filtering by position

The menu item 'Filter > Position' allows to focus the list on one single position. In a drop-down menu a list for every single position can be printed.

Print lists and labels

The printer for printing out the complete list, as well as the label printer are selected by the menu item 'File > Printer Set-Up'. The software is laid out for the 'Dymo Label Writer 400 (Turbo)' with the label size: 89 mm x 36 mm, Dymo-Code 99012.



Important: Please set the paper size on your operating system with 'Start' > 'Settings' > 'Printers and Faxes' > 'Properties of the DYMO LabelWriter 400 Turbo' > 'Advanced' to '99012 Large Address'

In order to print an entire script, select 'File > Print > List'.

For printing labels, select 'File > Print > Label > All / Selection'. Basically, one line per label is printed.

	7	20,80	01:45:40	01:45:90	0,50	20,00
	7		01:45:40	01:45:90	0,50	20,00
	7		01:45:40	01:45:90	0,50	20,00
	7		01:45:40	01:45:90	0,50	20,00
	8	5,30	02:06:20	02:06:20	0,00	5,00
	8		02:06:20	02:06:20	0,00	5,00
	9	5,20	02:11:50	02:11:50	0,00	5,00
	9		02:11:50	02:11:50	0,00	5,00
	10	5,00	02:16:70	02:16:70	0,00	5,00
	10		02:16:70	02:16:70	0,00	5,00
	11	5,10	02:21:70	02:21:70	0,00	5,00
	11		02:21:70	02:21:70	0,00	5,00
	12	25,80	02:26:80	02:26:80	0,00	25,00
	13	13,60	02:52:60	02:52:60	0,00	18,00
	13		02:52:60	02:52:60	0,00	18,00
	14	18,30	03:06:20	03:06:20	0,00	18,00
	14		03:06:20	03:06:20	0,00	18,00
	15	33,50	03:24:50	03:24:50	0,00	32,00
	15		03:24:50	03:24:50	0,00	32,00
	15		03:24:50	03:24:50	0,00	32,00

There is a check box for every line in the script for selection. With a left mouse click into the grey check box you can activate the line. The left mouse button in addition with the 'Shift' key is used for deactivating.

Afterwards, the labels can be printed under 'Selection'.

Here is a full-scale sample of a label:

New Years Eve in Munich	44	1,51	14.49	15.Sep	2	26
	Cue	Step Delay [s]			Device #	Output #
	Item: Stage Mine Color 1: Gold					
	Stage Center	↑	2009		3832Q	
	Position	Angle		Type	Item No.	
				26	Weco	
	Fan Type	Tube No.		Size	Supplier	

In case all labels are to be printed, select 'All'.

Menu item 'Extras'

Music Scan

This function is an invaluable tool for capturing cues while the music is being played. It is activated and deactivated in the 'Extras' menu or by use of the control buttons 'Music Scan' (19) and 'Normal Mode' (17).

With each double click on the left mouse button in the database table or each time the space bar is pressed, a line is inserted in the script, taking over the current time in the cell 'Effect Time'. To ensure that this cue is visible in the graphic field (8), an effect duration of 0.2 seconds is entered in the corresponding cell of the table. Depending on the length of the music, the zoom function may have to be activated to visualize the line. After all cues have been inserted, the exact placing of the individual effects has to be determined in detail. With the 'Replace Effect' function (18) the cues can be furnished with the desired effects.

'Matching End' function

This function is a means for easily integrating an effect in the script in a way that its end matches exactly the position of the pointer.

A possible application is the finale of a pyromusical, where various effects are composed and should end simultaneously with the music.

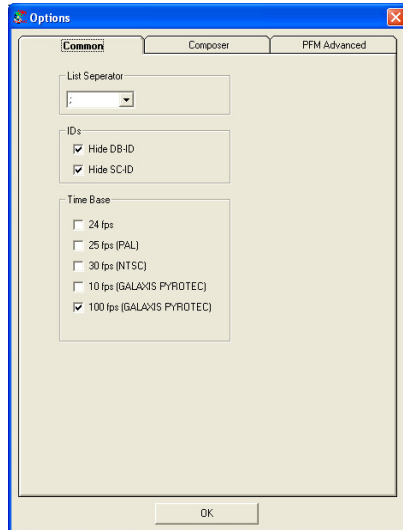
Activation and deactivation under 'Extras > Matching End' or by control button (16).

Menu item 'Options'

The item 'Options' is to be found under 'Extras' on the menu bar.

There are the following index tabs:

Common



Here the list separator for your region is defined. As mentioned in the section 'Exporting the script file', the correct separator has to be indicated for an error free export.

For Europe, this is a semicolon ';', for Great Britain and the US a comma ','.

In the window 'IDs', the option to display the column 'DB-IDs' in the database window can be selected, as well as the option to display the column 'SC-IDs' in the script window.

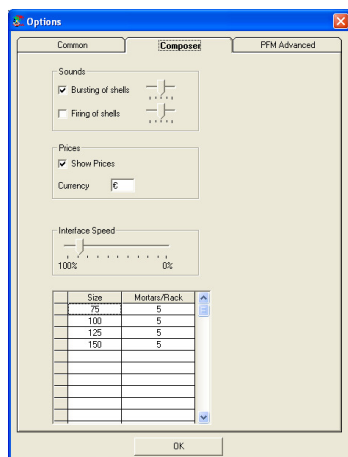
In the 'Time Base' window, the time scale and accuracy applying to your script is determined.

We recommend a resolution of 25 fps for the timecode.

If for example a resolution of 100 fps is selected, all effect and firing times in your script are indicated in hundredths of seconds.

Attention: The PFC Advanced only allows for firings on a tenths of second scale. Therefore scripts with a higher resolution have to be altered by way of using the stepper function for firings on a hundredths of seconds scale (see section 'Programming the stepper').

Composer



In the 'Sounds' window, a firing sound or a bursting sound can be activated or disabled while the music is played. A volume control for these acoustic effects is also to be found here.

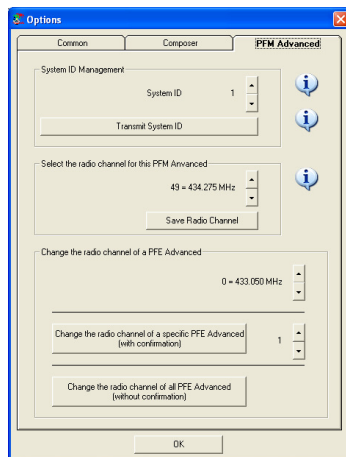
Note: These settings can also be altered by use of the green and blue volume icons on the right upper side of the main screen.

In the 'Prices' window, a field showing the current total amount of all used effects is activated. The correct currency is to be indicated. Thus, the choice of effects can constantly be checked against the budget, provided that all prices have been entered in the database correctly.

In the 'Port Speed' window, the transmission rate for transferring a script to the PFC Advanced or PFS Profi can be changed. If the data transmission is interrupted after a few moments, the transmission rate may be set too high. If no transmission is possible at all, re-installing the driver may solve the problem.

Please fill out the table with your equipment. The mortar size and the amount of mortars per rack is necessary.

PFM Advanced



System ID Management

This menu item has been implemented to enable the user to split his system. This means that he can operate the devices simultaneously and independently next to each other. That is very meaningful e.g. if you have two different projects at the same time within theoretical radio range. By this function the user can set the controller to a different system ID which is still a customer specific system ID.

This function enables the user to perform a teach-in of the controller's system ID to all receivers besides PFE Profi Mini 1 Output and PFE Profi Mini 5 Outputs.

Every time you press the button 'Transmit System ID' the PFM Advanced will transmit a command and all receivers which receive this

will store this ID and they will only respond to this specific system ID in future.

Please follow the steps as explained by pressing the 'Info' button to teach in the system ID. One after another all receivers can be programmed with the system ID of your PFM Advanced.

→ For more information please use the manual of the PFC Advanced Controller.

Select the radio channel for this PFM Advanced

Here the radio channel for remote programming / remote access by the PFM Advanced is configured. Your radio channel is to be found in the menu of the PFC Advanced or the PFE Advanced. Please save the radio channel after selection.

Change the radio channel of a PFE Advanced

First of all you can determine the radio channel of the PFM Advanced. In addition you can send a command to the Advanced receivers to change the radio channel.

There are these two variants to remotely change the radio channel of the receivers:

- Changing of the radio channel of a specific PFE Advanced by entering the device ID number, a feedback is being sent
- Command to all PFE Advanced within range and with the same system ID to change the radio channel, without feedback

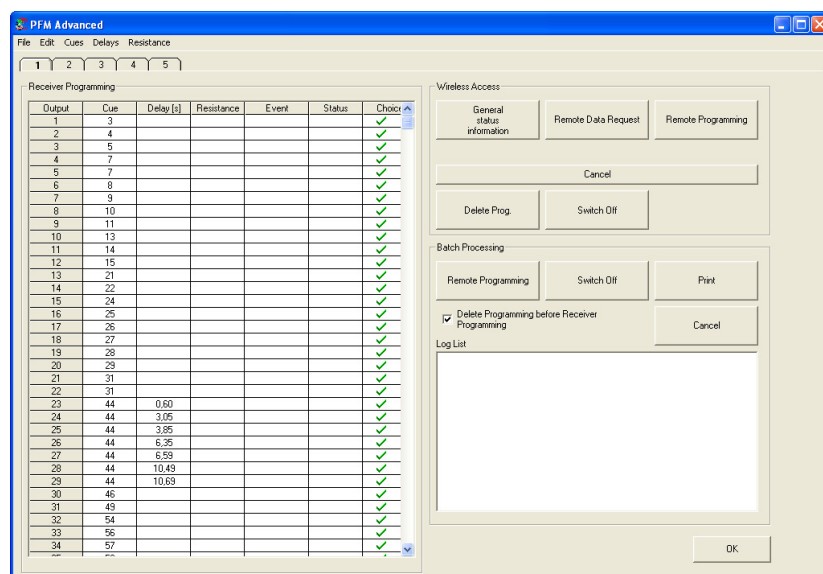
→ For more information please use the manual of the PFC Advanced Controller.

Remote access and remote programming with the PFM Advanced

Before working with your PFM Advanced, the same radio channel has to be set up at the receivers and in the options.

Therefore, please open 'Receiver Remote Programming' in the menu item 'PFM Advanced'.

The following window appears:



Manual programming

First, the device number of the tool to be programmed has to be selected in the top area of the screen. When programming a receiver manually, channel programming can be done directly in the table at the left by clicking in the column 'Cue' (i.e. Channel). The column 'Delay' is intended for programming a stepper.

Then, one or more outputs have to be marked by a right mouse click in the column 'Choice'. The check can be removed with the middle mouse button.

Automatic programming

First the receiver to be programmed has to be selected. If the functions 'Device allocation by Position' and 'Automatic Device allocation and Output' have been completed when the script was created (see script menu), the programming of the selected receiver is being displayed automatically in the table.

In the right hand section 'Wireless Access' the commands for the PFM Advanced radio modem are indicated:

General status information

With a click on 'General Status Information' all settings and properties of the selected receiver are indicated. Furthermore, you can switch between operating modes '10 Output' and '100 Output Mode'.

Remote data request

With this function, all marked outputs of the selected receiver can be queried. This serves as a verification of the programming. Furthermore, this column displays the detected resistance as well as the contents of the event memory.

Remote programming

All marked outputs of the selected receiver are programmed under this item. After successfully completed programming, the column 'Status' gets checked.

Remote program deletion

With 'Delete Progr.', the complete programming of the receiver is deleted.

Attention! Only the programming of the selected mode (10 Output or Matrix) is deleted.

Remote Switch-off

By clicking this button, the receiver is switched off completely.

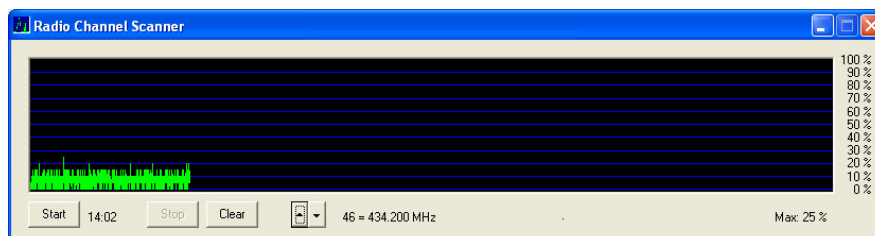
Batch processing

This function provides the possibility to automatically program a selected number of receivers successively. It is mandatory that the allocation of 'Device#' and 'Output#' has been accomplished in the script beforehand. No manual changes to the programming in the window on the left is taken into account in batch processing.

The receivers to be programmed are selected at the top by keeping the 'Shift' key pressed while marking the device number with the left mouse button. Then, an 'X' appears beside the device number.

The window 'Log List' displays the current status during programming.

Radio Channel Scanner



Use this function to monitor your radio frequency.

Please choose the radio frequency with the buttons 'Up' and 'Down' and start the scan with the 'Start' button. The green graph will show you the radio interference and the maximum value is also being displayed on the right side. All values below 30% are not critical.